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## <u>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME</u>

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a contingent request pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for an extension of time to file a response to the July 23, 2004, office action in the above-referenced Application for one (1) month from October 23, 2004, to November 23, 2004. A check including the fee of \$55.00 as payment of the response-extension surcharge is enclosed. Applicant respectfully notes that a Notice of Appeal was filed on September 24, 2004, regarding this application, and therefore submits that the accompanying documents have been timely filed without incurring a late-filing charge. However, in the event the accompanying amendment is deemed to be late, Applicant submits this fee. Applicant respectfully requests that the payment be credited to Applicant upon determination that the late-filing charge was not incurred.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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